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The President's Council on Food Safety has requested public input on ways to reduce food bourne illness. I urge, in the interest of food safety that the starving of hens and "induced" molting be banned.

Food Chemical News (7/26/99) stated that feed withdrawal from turkeys and chickens "has long been shown to markedly increase contamination with both Salmonella and Campylobacter.

In July the GAO issued a report "Food Safety: U.S. Lacks a Consistent Farm-to-Table Approach to Egg Safety." Between 1985 and 1998 over 3/4's of Salmonella Enteritidis outbreaks were linked to eggs. Causes cited in the report were forced molting.

It has been clearly established that these practices cause the animals' immune systems to break down, and their susceptibility to Salmonella to increase (per "Salmonella Control and Molting of Egg-Laying Flocks—Are They Compatible" by College of Vet. Medicine, University of Florida, July 1994)

Now dare public safety be compromised so poultry breeders can reap higher profits!

STOP STARVING HENS PRACTICES NOW
Grant United Poultry Concerns petition to ban forced molting.

Sincerely,
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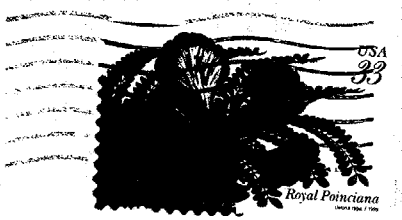

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